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Dear Parents/Carers

Music Opportunities at QEGS

I write to you to inform you of the exciting range of opportunities we have available in the Music department at QEGS. Music is a fantastic way to develop self-motivation, practice and performance skills that will benefit your child later in life. Research also shows that playing a musical instrument can enhance verbal memory, spatial reasoning and literacy skills. On top of all of that, it is great fun!

Instrumental tuition is an optional extra available to all students at QEGS. Lessons are available in the following instruments:

- Piano
- Violin and Viola
- Flute
- Oboe
- Clarinet
- Saxophone
- Trumpet
- Trombone
- French Horn
- Euphonium and Tuba
- Drum
- Guitar (electric and acoustic)
- Bass Guitar
- Voice

Lessons last for 20 minutes and take place once a week during the school day – students are excused from their normal lessons to go to their instrumental lesson and a rota system is in place to make sure that no student misses the same lesson more than once in a half term. As our lessons are provided by external tutors, a small charge applies per lesson. This varies slightly from tutor to tutor, but the average is around £10 a week. Some funding assistance may be available through the school to cover the cost of lessons or instrument hire.

If your child is interested in lessons, please email atkins@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk and we will put you in touch with the relevant instrumental tutor.

In addition to instrumental/vocal lessons, our comprehensive co-curricular programme is now up and running. The opportunities available are detailed below:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	String Group (TAT in 758) LUNCHTIME		Ukulele Club (RTU in 748) LUNCHTIME <i>Absolute beginners welcome and instruments provided</i>	Saxophone Group (NLI/CRI in 758) LUNCHTIME
	Main Choir (CPE in 757) 3.30-4.30pm <i>All welcome</i>	Concert Wind Band (TAT in 757) 3.30-4.30pm <i>All brass/woodwind instruments welcome</i>	Show Band (CPE/TAT in 757) 3.30-4.30pm <i>Invitation Only</i>	Chamber Choir (CPE in 757) 3.30-4.30pm <i>Invitation Only</i>

Finally, this is advance notice that our annual Christmas Concert will take place this year on Thursday 7th December at 7.00pm in the school hall, a fantastic way to kick off the festive season. Further details will follow after October half term.

If you have any queries or would like further information, please contact me directly on atkins@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk

Yours faithfully

Mr T Atkins
Curriculum Leader for Music